FLUID MILK PRICES MAY BE LOWER IN 1955

Fluid milk prices may average lower in 1955 than this year, predicts M. C. Conner, dairy marketing researcher at VPI.

He points out that many controlled markets are now operating under orders that terminate next spring and allow fluid milk prices to then drop back to the mid-1953 level. If the latter prices prevail for the rest of 1955, the average price will be somewhat lower for Virginia.

The manufacturing milk price will probably continue near the present level, depending primarily on government support levels. Conner points out that the difference between fluid and manufacturing milk prices in Virginia has been relatively wide for the last two years.

Other predictions for the dairy industry for 1955:

Production in Virginia is expected to continue a gradual increase. In the first eight months of 1954, fuild milk was about 4% larger and manufacturing milk about 2% larger than for the same period in 1953. The increase in 1955 may not be as large, possible 3% for fluid milk and 1% for manufacturing milk. More favorable weather than the last two years might result in a larger increase.

One factor that will tend to increase milk production in Virginia in the year ahead is the milk-beef price-ratio. This ratio is now much more favorable for milk production than in recent years, particularly for the fluid milk producer. During 1954 the relatives prices of fluid milk and beef cattle have been such that it took only 2.5 pounds of milk to equal the farm price of a pound of beef. This is much a more favorable ratio than the 5 pounds of milk required in 1952 or the 3.5 pounds for 1947-49. The present ratio will probably hold for the coming year.

In spite of the sharp decline in manufacturing milk prices, the ratio to beef prices is also more favorable than in recent years.

The milk-feed ratio is much less favorable now for manufacturing milk than the average for the last 20 years and will likely continue so into 1955. On the other hand, Virginia producers of fluid milk enjoy a milk-feed ratio near the average of the five years 1948 to 1952.

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Study of Rural Health in Va.

(Editor's note: This is the ninth and last of a series of articles on rural health in Virginia.)

Blacksburg.- The need for a system of pre-paid medical care financing, which will make better use of preventative potentialities of modern medicine, is pointed up in a study on "The Road to Health in Rural Virginia, 1900-1952," authored by Dr. W. E. Garnett, Rural Sociologist at VPI.

Insurance or pre-payment plans as a means of financing medical care are increasingly regarded as beneficial to doctors, hospitals, and to the people themselves. Through such plans families can escape being overwhelmed by catastrophic illness and mediacl bills.

Many people still lack health insurance, though several types of such insurance are steadily increasing. The estimated percentages of Virginia people covered as of December 1951 was as follows:

Hospital,— 47% of Virginia population—7.9% less than U. S.

Surgical only,— 20.7% of Virginia population — 4.2% less than U. S.

Surgical and limited medical, — 15.7% of Virginia population — 0.3% more than U. S.

Comprehensive,— 2.6% of Virginia population—0.3% more than U. S.

These percentages have slightly increased since 1951.

Such data as are available indicate that health insurance is much less common among farm families than urban groups and much less common among poorer families, both rural and urban, than those with a fair income. The author says, the relatively limited use of health insurance by Virginia farm families appears to be due to such factors as: inadequate education regarding advantages; failure of insurance companies to develop policies fully adapted to the needs of farm families, within their normal income reach; and the difficulty and expense of collecting premiums.

The report points out the need of a system of financing medical care which encourages utilization of the full reasources of preventative medicine. This is not the case in any of the plans for financing medical cost now in use except in the case of comprehensive insurance.

Dr. Garnett says that in the absence of Virginia data, national expenditures for items of medical care per capita may be noted. The total for 1952, including outlays for accident and health insurance averaged about $62 per capita or $240 per family. Exxenditures averaged $18.17 for physicians, $7.60 for dentist, $11.42 for drug preparation and medical sundries, and $16.33 for hospitals.

Federal, state and local sources provided about $9,200,000,000, about one-fourth of the estimated $13,600,000,000 spent by the nation in 1951 on civilian health services.

A substantial part of the medical dollar from state and local government sources goes to help the medically needy. The state appropriation for the medically needy is now $800,00 annually on a 50-50 matching basis with localities.

The report includes a chapter on environmental conditions affecting health.

Measures advocated in the report for improvement of rural health and medical care include:

(1) The need of a larger sense of individual responsibility by all citizens for the several phases of the medical care system.

(2) Greater use of the resources of modern medicine in preventative programs both through private practice and in public health work.

(3) More community initiative in securing needed doctors and dentists and in helping to make conditions of rural practice more attractive and effective especially in promoting preventative care.

(4) More general acquaintance with the programs of the volunteer organizations concerned with health and the necessity for more unity of effort among them on the local level—more health councils.

(5) Greater appreciation of the importance of proper nutritition to good health.

(6) The desirability of better support of mental hospitals, mental hygiene clinics, and mental hygiene education.

As a start toward implementing these and other improvements it is advocated that a community-by-community, county-by-county health and medical care inventory, accompanied by a well-planned educational program, be undertaken. With the state's major health agencies and volunteer organizations interested in health such a program has been begun. If it is carried forward to its full potentialities, we can look forward to "Fitter Folk—A Fitter State," Dr. Garnett says.

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Price, Alvin N. & Edna W.	Pamplin, Va.	1 Acre
Richardson, Walter M.	Pamplin, Va.	70 Acres
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Coleman, J. H.	c/o Henry Coleman, Gladstone, Va.	222 Acres
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Davis, Thos W.	Appomattox, Va.	24¾ Acres
Harris, W. A., Estate	Appomattox, Va.	½ Acre
Jamerson, Carlton W.	Gladstone, Va.	2 Acres
Jamerson, Thomas Melvin	Gladstone, Va.	97½ Acres
Moore Curry	Concord, Va.	1 Acres
Moore Curry	Concord, Va.	9 Acres
McCormick, C. D.	Gladstone, Va.	25.33 Acres
McCormick, C. D.	Gladstone, Va.	2½ Acres
Phelps, Luther C.	Gladstone, Va.	1 Acre
Staples, R. A., Estate	c/o Mrs. Carrie S. Paschal, Box 186, Batavia, Ohio	39¼ Acres
Staples, R. A., Estate	c/o Mrs. Carrie S. Paschal, Box 186, Batavia, Ohio	159 Acres
Staples, R. A., Estate	c/o Mrs. Carrie S. Paschal, Box 186, Batavia, Ohio	37 1/3 Acres
Staples, R. A., Estate	c/o Mrs. Carrie S. Paschal, Box 186, Batavia, Ohio	2½ Acres
Wells, Otho Luther & Richard Phelps	c/o Richard P. Wells, Gladstone, Va.	236.13 Acres

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Chambers, William	Pamplin, Va.	25 Acres
Duigbid, Chas.	c/o F. P. Graves Estate, Appomattox, Va.	2½ Acres
Goode, Dan & Latretha	Evergreen, Va.	19 Acres
Hancock, A. B.	Evergreen, Va.	1 Acre
Hancock, A. H.	Evergreen, Va.	26 Acres
Hancock, Elvira	Evergreen, Va.	3 Acres
Hart, Gertrude W.	1303 Floyd St., Lynchburg, Va.	79 Acres
Hill, Viola, R. H. & Chas. E.	c/o Frances W. Ferguson, Pamplin, Va.	10 Acres
Hunter, John & Henry	c/o John Ingram, 1339 Ward St., Baltimore 30, Md.	120 Acres
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Jones, Frank L. & James	938 N. Wolf St., Baltimore 5, Md.	50 Acres
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McDearmon, Sam	c/o George Morgan, Appomattox, Va.	1 Acre
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Hancock, Scott	c/o John Hancock, 36 Gilmer Ave., N.E., Roanoke, Va.	1 3/4 Acres
Johnson, Alice (Alice Green)	c/o Massie Stevens, Appomattox, Va.	20¼ Acres
Jones, Charles	c/o Charlsy Pennix, Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va.	174 Acres
Jones, Mary Kathryn	Concord, Va.	98½ Acres
Lee, John	Concord, Va.	4 Acres
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Pankey, Sadie	Rt. 3, Appomattox, Va.	50 Acres
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Pennix, Eugene	Gladstone, Va.	46½ Acres
Preston, Lawrence T. & Estelle	Concord, Va.	10 Acres
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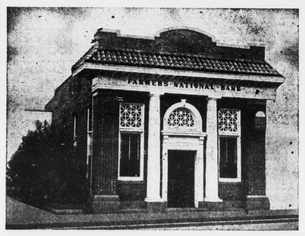

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ave some precautions to using the endrin spray. Un workers wear masks, they away from the spray and getting the spray on and remove clothing that dampened as soon as pos- ver sprayed with endrin is to humans, livestock, and imals, Teske warns.

OUTLOOK CITED FOR POULTRY PRODUCERS

What's ahead for poultrymen? In brief, the answer to that question, as seen by poultry marketing specialists at VPI, is "continued low egg prices, increased production, possible lower production costs, and a narrow profit margin for at least the first half of 1955."

In Virginia, the number of layers on farms during the first nine months of 1954 has averaged between 1 and 2% above that of 1953. The average rate of lay per bird has increased. So—more eggs in 1955.

Consumer demand for eggs is seen as remaining about the same, so there's no likely rise in prices until late next spring. Prices during the second half of 1955 will probably be above those of 1954 because of reduced flock replacements.

Feed is the most important out-of-pocket expense to the poultryman. The 1954-55 supply of feed concentrates is only a little below the record supply of 1950-51. During the first six months of 1955, the price of feed is likely to be about the same as in 1954. Lower prices of soybean meal and minor feed grains may offset higher corn prices. Lower wage rates for farm help and possibly lower prices for chicks next spring are other favorable factors in the cost picture.

The key to profits for the poultryman lies in greater efficiency, the specialists point out.

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Chick Chats

Only healthy chickens are profitable. One disease outbreak in a laying flock in full production can ruin profits for the rest of the year.

During winter months, respiratory diseases provide the greatest threat to chickens. These include Newcastle disease, infectious bronchitis, laryngotracheitis, fowl pox, chronic respiratory disease (CRD), infectious coryza, aspergillosis and localized fowl cholera. (Consult a reliable diagnosis chart or seek qualified advice for symptoms leading to diagnosis of these diseases).

Good immunity can be obtained by vaccination against the first four diseases—Newcastle disease, infectious bronchitis, fowl pox and laryngotracheitis. Birds should be vaccinated only when healthy in the case of three of these diseases. For laryngotracheitis, vaccination may take place after the disease has broken out. Except for infectious bronchitis, vaccination if necessary may take place after birds are in production provided certain types of vaccines are used.

If there is reason to expect that any of these four respiratory diseases will strike the flock, it is wise to vaccinate beforehand. Cost of vaccination will be many times less than profits lost if any of the diseases are allowed to break out.

There has been considerable success during the past year in the treatment of CRD by using antibiotics in the drinking water or feed. Correcting loss of appetite (a CRD symptom) by use of drugs in the feed has also given encouraging results.

Infectious coryza, the bacteria-caused disease commonly referred to as a cold, is often controlled with sodium sulfasuinoxaline in the drinking water. Fowl cholera is usually checked with sulfaquinoxaline in the feed or water. For aspergillosis, avaid mouldy feed and contaminated litter. A good stomachic appetizer will assist recovering birds.

The practice of strict sanitation and good management methods will help to ward off respiratory diseases. Keep older chickens, which are often carriers of disease, separated from young birds.

Avoid traffic into the poultry house. If a visitor wants to see your flock, show it to him from acorss a fence or through a doorway. It's good practice to have outsiders disinfect equipment and shoes if they must enter the poultry house.

Sources of infection should be eliminated. Enforce a rigid rat control program. Rats can carry pullorum disease, parasites and other damaging diseases.

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